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The committee to whom were referred the petitions of Samuel Thompson and John Dailey, Canadian refugees, respectfully

REPORT....

That they have had the said petitions under consideration, and report the following statement of facts. That it appears from the documents accompanying the petitions, that the petitioners, were, both men of extensive property, in and contiguous to the village of New-Ark, in Upper Canada, that after the taking possession of that place, by the United States army, under the command of general Dearborn, that the petitioners were active and zealous, in their endeavours to promote the success of our arms; and were solicitous to add, all in their power, to the comfort and convenience of our troops; that they gave up their houses, for quarters for officers and soldiers; and on all occasions, manifested so strong an attachment to the American cause, that their disloyalty to the British government, was so apparent and notorious, that they deemed it unsafe for them to

remain in Canada, after the evacuation by our army, and they threw themselves under the protection of the American government: in consequence of which (although there is not direct proof of the fact,) there is little doubt but their property has been confiscated; and the petitioners are now far advaced in life, and destitute of the means to enable them to live comfortably. The committee not knowing now how far the House would go towards remunerating persons of this description, without giving any opinion, and with a view to bring the subject direct before the House, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be instructed to bring in a bill, for the relief of the said Samuel Thompson and John Dailey.

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